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Dear County Coordinator/ Director

Counties bordering on "frontier" or "rural" counties, Enclosure #1, are eligible for a new incentive being offered beginning FY-2006. This incentive will be in addition to the counties' per capita based Emergency Planning Grant (EMPG) formerly known as State and Local Assistance (SLA) Program.

In view of the increasingly complex emergency management and homeland security requirements, the purpose of the incentive is to encourage fulltime staffing of emergency management positions and encourage regionalization. Cooperative staffing agreements may be amended annually and still maintain eligibility for this incentive grant. If any county shares with a contiguous county in the same homeland security region, a full-time (at least 40 hrs a week emergency manager whose principle duties are emergency management) with a "frontier" or "rural" county, the base county would receive an additional \$5,000 incentive, if three county's combine the reimbursement would be \$10,000 and four counties' would receive \$15,000. Only the base will receive the bonus (e.g., Cheyenne will get the bonus not Rawlins, however, the non-based counties would be eligible for the per capita based EMPG grant.

The attached Emergency Manager Staffing Map shows the counties that are currently sharing an emergency manager: Cheyenne, Rawlins & Sherman, Phillips & Smith, Logan & Gove and Scott & Lane. These pairs of counties will be "grandfathered" regarding the requirement to partner within a homeland security region (i.e., Phillips County will be eligible for the incentives so long as the serving emergency manager is employed). Note: Both counties must appoint the "shared" emergency manager by county resolution per KSA 48-929.

The minimum standards for the EMPG grant contain changes to reflect those NIMS objectives as we know them at this time. The performance period will still be Oct 1, 2005 – Sept 30, 2006. Reporting to KDEM will remain the same April 15, 2006 and Oct 15, 2006.

If you have questions feel free to contact L'Tanya Christenberry (785) 274-1402 or email lrchristenberry@agtop.state.ks.us.

Thank you

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Incl: Staffing Map & Population Density Table